

III. REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 10-26 are presented for reconsideration.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 10-11 and 13-26 stand rejected under 35USC102(e) on the basis of the cited reference Parulski et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,475,441. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejection in view of the following remarks.

Discussion of the Cited Reference

The Examiner has cited the reference Parulski in sole support of the rejection based on anticipation. In the citation of Parulski, the Examiner characterises the extender board 24 of Parulski as having:

"...optics built in said circuit card ... an image sensor in said circuit card...an image processing unit in said circuit card... a memory unit in said circuit card ... and a processor unit in said image processing unit.."

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited reference does not support the above description. The extender board 24 is not a circuit card. It is merely a conduit for connecting camera 20 to portable computer 10. It is also referred to as "structural element 22". Extender board 24 fits into a PCMCIA card slot. In addition, it may be removable from camera 20. The circuit card of this invention integrates the elements of a camera function into the circuit card itself. (see column 3, lines 52-63) This is not taught by the cited reference Parulski.

The cited reference describes an electronic camera system for operation with a computer. The basic idea is that they have an adapter, (i.e. card interface/extender board/structural element 24) between the camera and the computer for transferring (image) signals to the computer. The camera can be connected to the adaptor directly with a mechanical connection or by cable (fig. 6) or by radio with RF transmitter and a receiver (fig. 7).

Because of the above described differences in the device of Parulski, the cited reference does not support the rejection based on anticipation.

The Issue of Anticipation

It is well settled that a claim is anticipated, "only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." (See CHISOLM, Federal Circuit Guide, Pg. 1221).

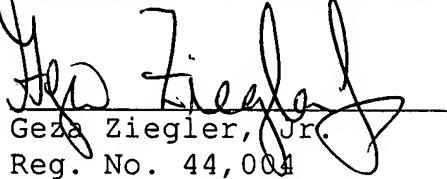
The elements of the claim and their function and purpose within the claim must be reviewed in a manner similar to an infringement analysis. If the device described in the cited reference would not infringe if it was later, it will not anticipate if the reference is earlier.

Applying this standard to extender board, as described in the reference Parulski, it is observed none of the significant elements of the either independent claim 10 or 21 are present and, therefore, the device described therein, would not infringe. Accordingly the reference does not support a rejection based on anticipation. This would also apply to the rejected dependent claims.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is enclosed for a three month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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